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SUBJECT: MBFR: COMMENTS ON SECOND REVISION TEXT OF SPC STABILIZING
MEASURES DRAFT

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

REF: A. STATE 009352 B. STATE 009260

SUMMARY: SPC DRAFTING GROUP HAD FINAL MEETING ON JANUARY 16 ON
DRAFT STABILIZING MEASURES REPORT (USNATO 0117). ALLIES REACTED
FAVORABLY TO NEW U.S. LANGUAGE ON APPLICATION OF MEASURES IN TIMES
OF TENSION AND TO MOST OTHER U.S. PROPOSALS (REFTELS), MOVED
TOWARDS POSSIBLE AGREEMENT ON DEFINITION OF EXERCISES, AND, TO
ACHIEVE GREATER CLARITY, SUGGESTED AMALGAMATION OF SYSTEM OF
INITIAL AND FOLLOW-UP PREANNOUNCEMENTS. SPC WILL CONSIDER REPORT
ON JANUARY 24. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR JANUARY 24
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SPC MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO NEW TEXT (SEPTTEL).

2. PARA 3. GROUP REACTED FAVORABLY TO THOUGHTFUL U.S. PROPOSAL FOR THIS PARAGRAPH (STATE 9260), WHILE NOTING THAT IT CONTAINED ISSUES WHICH CAPITALS WOULD NEED TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY. UK REP INSISTED ON RETAINING FINAL BRACKETED SENTENCE, ALTHOUGH ONLY FRG PERSISTED IN SUPPORTING THIS SENTENCE THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION. U.S. REP NOTED THAT SENTENCE WAS MISLEADING IN THAT IT APPEARED TO RAISE DOUBTS OVER U.S. INTENTION TO ADHERE TO MEASURES AT ALL AND, OVER-SIMPLIFIED THE SITUATION WHICH MIGHT PREVAIL IN TIMES OF TENSION. U.S. LANGUAGE CAREFULLY EXPLAINED THE VARIOUS CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE ALLIES COULD REACT AS NECESSARY UNDER SITUATIONS OF TENSION IN CENTRAL EUROPE. (COMMENT: UK REP TOLD US AFTER THE MEETING THAT HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT LONDON WOULD DROP THIS SENTENCE. END COMMENT)

3. PARA 4. DUTCH REP, SUPPORTED BY BELGIUM AND ITALY, SAID THAT THIS ISSUE OF MULTILATERALIZATION OF PRE-ANNOUNCEMENTS COULD ONLY BE RESOLVED BY THE NAC.

4. PARA 5. U.S. REVISED SENTENCE ACCEPTED.

5. PARA 6. FRG WAS ONLY HOLDOUT FOR "SEVEN DAY" PERIOD AND SAID HE WOULD REFER QUESTION BACK TO BONN.-

6. PARA 9. UK DROPPED PROPOSAL FOR SEVEN DAY NOTICE PERIOD. UK DROPPED FOOTNOTE, IN LIGHT OF NEW U.S. LANGUAGE FOR PARA 3.

7. PARAS 12 AND 14. AFTER CONFUSED DISCUSSION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NEW PARA 12 AND REINSERTION OF OLD PARA 14, U.S. REP, SUPPORTED BY ALL OTHERS, SUGGESTED THAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF TRY TO COMBINE PARAS 12 AND 14 TO SET FORTH CLEARLY THE PATTERN OF NOTIFICATIONS. GROUP AGREED TO PUT PARA 13 AT END OF THIS AMALGAMATION OF 12 AND 14, SINCE ITS PREVIOUS LOCATION BETWEEN THOSE PARAGRAPHS REDUCED THE CLARITY IN THE PATTERN PRE-ANNOUNCEMENTS. NEW TEXT CONTAINS I.S. EFFORT AT AMALGAMATION. (COMMENT: WE THINK THIS PRESENTATION IS A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT. REQUEST GUIDANCE. END COMMENT)
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8. PARA 13. SECOND BRACKETED CLAUSE IN FIRST SENTENCE INTRODUCED BY UK TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR REFERENCE TO "FOR FIELD TRAINING" BUT ALSO TO "DEPLOYMENT INTO OR WITHIN THE AREA." MC REP SUPPORTED BRITISH SUGGESTION, SINCE IT DROPPED THE TERM "DEFINED." HE BELIEVED THAT IF THE ALLIES DID NOT TRY TO DEFINE MILITARY EXERCISE, PROBLEM WOULD BE RESOLVED. OTHER REPS AGREED AND DID NOT SEE WHY IT NECESSARY TO DEFINE THIS TERM IN MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. MC REP AND OTHERS POINTED OUT THAT THE MEANING OF THE TERM "MILITARY EXERCISE" WAS WELL UNDERSTOOD AND THAT THE DETAILS SET FORTH IN NEW PARA 12 DEFINED PRECISELY WHAT THE ALLIES HAD IN MIND. (COMMENT: FOLLOWING THIS LOGIC, THE FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF PARA 13 COULD DROP, AND THIS PARA WOULD START WITH SENTENCE BEGINNING "THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES..." RE-

QUEST GUIDANCE ON THIS SOLUTION AND/OR ON THE ACCEPTABILITY
OF THE UK SENTENCE.

END COMMENT)

9. OLD PARA 12(C). SHAPE REP AGREED TO DROP FOR TIME
BEING, BUT NOTED THAT SHAPE HAD THIS QUESTION OF NOTIFICATION
OF ALERT AND READINESS EXERCISES UNDER REVIEW.RUMSFELD

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